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To Whom It May Concern,

I refuse to eat commercial poultry and urge my friends to ban it also. This includes eggs. The cruelty involved in all aspects of its production is horrific. I'll bet the reader couldn't stand to be in the noisy condition of laying hens for even 12 hours. To be starved for 2 weeks on top of this is torture. Is it any wonder the health of chickens collapse and their eggs are ridden with salmonella?

The FDA can and should ban forced moulting of hens, which has been proved to ruin their immune systems. The FDA has the jurisdiction to do this, as the resulting salmonella infections and contamination are such

a threat to public health. So why don't you do it? Forced moulting is a primary cause of salmonella. Putting warnings on egg cartons and regulating temperature of the eggs is a pretty slipshod method of control. And what about the hens? What's wrong with treating animals compassionately and eliminating the salmonella problem at the same time?

The petition to ban forced moulting should be granted immediately.

Thank you.

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